

We claim:

1. A vacuum cleaner comprising a body, fan means within said body for creating an airflow through said cleaner and a separation unit mounted to said body for separating dirt and dust from said airflow, said separation unit comprising a cyclone separator and a filter, said filter being removable from said separation unit when said separation is mounted to said body of said cleaner.
2. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1, in which said separation unit is detachably mounted to said body.
3. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1, in which said filter is mounted to a removable portion of said separation unit.
4. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 3, in which said separation unit is elongate and comprises a removable end wall, said filter being mounted to said removable end wall.
5. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4, in which said separation unit is generally cylindrical.
6. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 5, in which said filter is an annular filter mounted concentrically within said cylindrical separation unit.
7. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4, in which said removable end wall of said separation unit comprises a projection which engages said filter.
- 25 8. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4, in which said separation unit is mounted to said body of said cleaner such

that said end wall is exposed and can be removed axially of said separation unit.

9. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4, in which said cleaner is an upright cleaner, said body of said cleaner comprising a floor-engaging portion and an upstanding portion connected to said floor-engaging portion for partial rotation forwardly and rearwardly about a transverse pivotal axis, said elongate separation unit being mounted to said front of said upstanding portion, such that said end wall faces upwardly in front of said upstanding portion.

10. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4, in which a handle is provided on said removable portion of said separation unit to which said filter is mounted.